

**ABSOLUTE RATING: Good**

**IMPROVEMENT RATING: Below Average**

Number of Elementary schools with students like ours: 83.

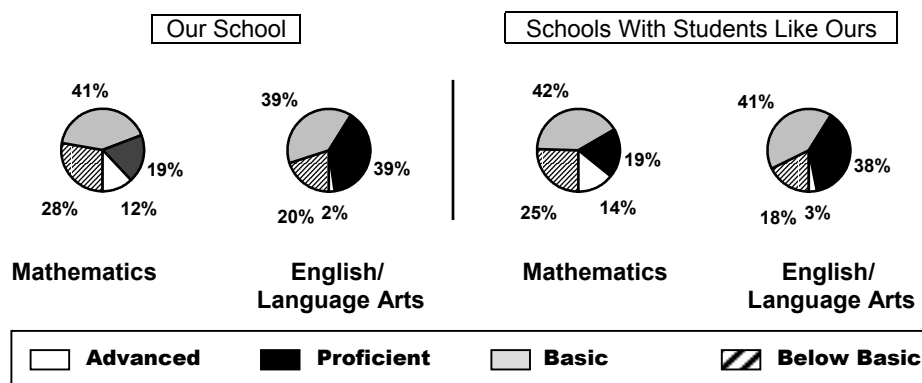
The absolute ratings for those schools ranged from average to excellent. For improvement ratings, the range was from unsatisfactory to excellent.

## RATINGS OVER A 4-YEAR PERIOD



(Definitions of School Rating Terms on Page 4)

## PALMETTO ACHIEVEMENT CHALLENGE TESTS (PACT) RESULTS



## DEFINITIONS OF CRITICAL TERMS:

- Advanced** – Student performance exceeded expectations.
- Proficient** – Student performance met expectations.
- Basic** – Student performance met minimum performance expectations.
- Below Basic** – Student performance did not meet minimum performance expectations.

Science scores are to be reported on the 2004 School Report Card. Social studies scores are to be reported on the 2005 School Report Card.

PERCENT OF STUDENTS SCORING BASIC OR ABOVE ON THE PACT				
Student Group	English/ Language Arts	Math	Science	Social Studies
<b>All students (n=437)</b>	79.9	72.1	N/A	N/A
Students with disabilities other than Speech (n=39)	33.3	18.9		
Students without disabilities (n=396)	84.8	77.4		
<b>Gender</b>				
Male (n=203)	75.4	69.6		
Female (n=232)	84.5	74.9		
<b>Ethnic Group</b>				
African American (n=99)	58.6	49.5		
Hispanic (n=4)	N/A	N/A		
White (n=330)	86.7	79.1		
Other (n=2)	N/A	N/A		
<b>Lunch Status Group</b>				
Free/reduced-price Lunch (n=178)	70.2	60		
Pay for lunch (n=257)	87.2	81.2		

## SCHOOL PROFILE

### INDICATORS OF SCHOOL PERFORMANCE

	Our School	Change From Last Year	Schools with Students like ours	Median Elementary School
<b>SCHOOL</b>				
• Dollars spent per student	\$5,785	N/A	\$5,171	\$5,347
• Prime instructional time	89.4%	Down from 91.3%	90.6%	90.2%
• Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	19.1 to 1	N/A	19.2 to 1	18.7 to 1
<b>STUDENTS (n=902)</b>				
• Attendance Rate	95.7%	Down from 95.9%	96.2%	96.2%
• Students with disabilities other than speech taking PACT (ELA) off grade level	0%	N/A	3%	4.1%
• Students with disabilities other than speech taking PACT (math) off grade level	0%	N/A	2.1%	3.1%
• First graders who attended full day kindergarten	95.2%	Up from 87.3%	96.1%	96.3%
• Meeting grade 1 and 2 readiness standards	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
• Retention rate	1.8%	Up from 1.1%	2.9%	3.6%
<b>TEACHERS (n=62)</b>				
• Professional Development days per teacher	9.4 Days	Up from 7.3	7.9 Days	7.6 days
• Attendance Rate	95.5%	Down from 96.6%	95.5%	95.1%
• Teachers with advanced degrees	46.8%	Down from 50.8%	50%	47.7%
• Continuing contract teachers	79%	Up from 77.9%	86.2%	83.8%
• Teachers with out-of-field permits	1.6%	Up from 0%	0%	0.0%
• Teachers returning from the previous school year	85.5%	Up from 75.1%	88.8%	87.2%
• Average teacher salary	\$37,005	Up 4.8%	\$38,220	\$37,520

## SCHOOL FACTS

	Our School	Change From Last Year	Schools with Students like ours	Median Elementary School
<b>SCHOOL</b>				
• Percentage of expenditures spent on teacher salaries	63.4%	N/A	64.7%	65.3%
• Principal's years at the school	1	N/A	4	4.0
• Parents attending conferences	99%	N/A	96.6%	95.6%
• Opportunities in the arts	Good	N/A	Good	Good
<b>STUDENTS</b>				
• On academic plans	45.2%	Up from 29.1%	37.9%	43.1%
• On academic probation	0%	N/A	0%	0.0%
• Older than usual for grade	0.8%	Up from 0.6%	0.9%	1.1%
• Suspended or expelled	4	N/A	0	1
• Gifted and talented	19.1%	Up from 11.9%	16%	11.5%
• With disabilities other than speech	8.1%	Up from 8%	8.2%	8.4%



## PRINCIPAL'S / SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL REPORT

The 2000-01 school year was an exciting one at Newington Elementary. The year began with Newington being named a School of Promise and that we are! Approximately 950 students in Child Development through 5th grade attend our school. We have 70 certified staff members and a classified staff of 45. Our vision is to provide every student with the skills necessary to become a productive citizen. Our students have consistently scored above the state average on standardized and state-mandated assessments, indicating success in our mission of "Achieving Academic Excellence in a Changing World."

Our students, families, and staff participated in a variety of academic, social, and community activities. Staff development and faculty meetings focused on implementing standards-based education. Our teachers attended workshops, State and national conferences, visited schools, and enrolled in courses to enhance instruction. Several staff members implemented the Tuesday/Thursday Tutoring Club, an extended-day program for academic plan students. Our PTA and School Improvement Council sponsored events such as our Parent University, a family sock hop, the Faculty Follies, school beautification projects, teacher mini-grants and a Reflections program with over 1,500 entries. Newington students were active in service learning projects, clubs, performances, and competitions. A new safety patrol was established, and our Veteran's Day celebration brought school and community together to honor local veterans. First Lady Rachel Hodges visited Newington in April with her "Reading with Rachel" program. Our children surpassed the Accelerated Reader goal of 15,000 points resulting in the administrators honoring their pledge to sing karaoke during lunch. Reading was also the focus of our preschool story hours hosted monthly for local preschoolers who will one day attend Newington.

Honors abound! Our fourth grade Math Computation Competition team placed first in the district. Individual students were winners in essay contests, spelling and geography bees, Accelerated Reader challenges, Quiz Bowl, and Word Masters. Twenty-one students in grades three to five were awarded the Silver Honor Roll for earning all A's for three nine weeks, and forty-seven students received the Gold Honor Roll for earning all A's for the year.

Although our needs are often plagued by state and county budget cuts, resulting in low per pupil funding and insufficient space, the Newington family is committed to working together to touch the hearts and minds of all learners. Cammy Groome

### EVALUATIONS BY TEACHERS AND STUDENTS

Percent	Teachers	Students	Parents
Satisfied with learning environment	93.2	N/A	(Avail. 2002)
Satisfied with social and physical environment	89.8	N/A	
Satisfied with home-school relations	81.0	N/A	

### DEFINITIONS OF SCHOOL RATING TERMS

**Excellent** – School performance substantially exceeds the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

**Good** – School performance exceeds the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

**Average** – School performance meets the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

**Below Average** – School is in jeopardy of not meeting the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

**Unsatisfactory** – School performance fails to meet the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

Newington Elementary  
10 King Charles Circle  
Summerville, SC 29485

Grades PK-5 Elementary School

Enrollment: 902 Students

#### Principal

Camilla Groome 843-871-3230

#### Superintendent

Joseph R. Pye 843-873-2901

#### Board Chair

Bufort Blanton, Jr. 843-873-8454

## THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

Annual School  
Report Card

2001

School Grade:  
Good

### South Carolina Performance Goal:

By 2010, South Carolina's student achievement will be ranked in the top half of the states nationally. To achieve this goal, we must become one of the five fastest improving systems in the country.

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